

IN THE CLAIMS: Please add new Claims 15-24.

15. A method for finishing polycarbonate produced by reaction in a melt of a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst to produce an intermediate polycarbonate composition, consisting of:

combining the intermediate polycarbonate composition with an alkyl tosylate

and about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid; and

processing the combination of the intermediate polycarbonate composition, the alkyl tosylate and the phosphorous acid to blend the combination and quench residual basic catalyst present in the intermediate polycarbonate composition.

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16. The method of claim 15, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the amount of n-butyl tosylate is from about 2 to about 5 ppm.

18. The method of claim of claim 15, wherein the alkyl tosylate is combined with the intermediate polycarbonate composition in a liquid carrier.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.

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20. An aromatic polycarbonate composition consisting of:  
an aromatic polycarbonate obtained by reacting a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst in melt;  
an alkyl tosylate; and  
about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid.
  21. The method of claim 20, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.
  22. The method of claim 21, wherein the amount of n-butyl tosylate is from about 2 to about 5 ppm.
  23. The method of claim of claim 20, wherein the alkyl tosylate is combined with the intermediate polycarbonate composition in a liquid carrier.
  24. The method of claim 23, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.